10 Islamic Stories for Kids

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The Promise Keeper

Baba: Mansoor, are you ready for our evening story?
Mansoor: Yes, Baba! What's today's story about?

Baba: Today, we'll talk about a verse from the Qur'an, Al-Baqara, verse 227. It says:
"And if they decide on divorce - then indeed, Allah is Hearing and Knowing."

Mansoor: What does it mean, Baba?

Baba: It teaches us the importance of being mindful of our promises and decisions. Let me tell you a story to explain.

Once, there was a man named Zayd. He and his wife, Amina, were very happy. But one day, they had a big argument. Zayd, in his anger, said, “I don’t want to stay married anymore!”

Mansoor: Oh no! Did he mean it?

Baba: That’s the thing, beta. In the heat of the moment, he said something serious without thinking. Amina reminded him, “Zayd, Allah hears every word we say and knows our intentions.”

Mansoor: Was Zayd scared?

Baba: Yes, he was. He realized his mistake and immediately sought forgiveness from Allah. He also apologized to Amina and promised to control his temper.

Mansoor: So, they stayed together?

Baba: Yes, because Zayd remembered that decisions like divorce are not to be taken lightly. Allah teaches us to be responsible with our words and actions.

Mansoor: Baba, does Allah hear everything we say too?

Baba: Absolutely, beta. That’s why we must always speak with kindness and make thoughtful choices. Even when we’re upset, we should remember that Allah knows what’s in our hearts.

Mansoor: I’ll try to be careful with my words, Baba.

Baba: That’s my boy! Always remember, Allah is As-Sami' (the All-Hearing) and Al-'Aleem (the All-Knowing). He loves those who are thoughtful and sincere.

The Three Waiting Months

Baba: Mansoor, today's story is about patience and fairness. Let's start with a verse from the Qur'an, Al-Baqara, verse 228. Allah says:
"Divorced women remain in waiting for three periods, and it is not lawful for them to conceal what Allah has created in their wombs if they believe in Allah and the Last Day..."

Mansoor: Baba, what does that mean?

Baba: It means that when a man and woman go through a divorce, Allah commands the woman to wait for three months before making any new decisions about marriage. This is to ensure clarity, fairness, and to protect any possible new life Allah may have placed in her womb.

Mansoor: Oh, so it's like a time to think and make sure everything is right?

Baba: Exactly, beta! Let me tell you a story to help you understand better.

Once there was a kind woman named Hafsa and her husband, Usman. They loved each other, but sometimes they argued. One day, during a big fight, Usman said, "I think we should end our marriage." Hafsa was hurt but stayed calm because she trusted Allah's wisdom.

Mansoor: What happened next, Baba?

Baba: Hafsa remembered Allah's command to wait for three months, as this was a chance to reflect and reconcile. During those months, she prayed to Allah for guidance, and Usman realized his mistake. He missed Hafsa and wanted to fix things.

Mansoor: Did they get back together?

Baba: Yes, they did! Because Usman wanted to reconcile and follow Allah's guidance, he spoke to Hafsa with kindness and respect. She forgave him, and they worked on improving their relationship.

Mansoor: Baba, why does the verse say men have a degree over women?

Baba: That part reminds us that men carry extra responsibility in taking care of and protecting their families. It doesn't mean they're better, but they are given a greater duty. At the same time, Allah commands fairness and love between husbands and wives.

Mansoor: I see. So, both must follow Allah's rules to stay happy?

Baba: Exactly, beta. Allah is Al-Hakeem (the All-Wise), and His commands are always for our benefit.

Limits Set by Allah

Baba: Mansoor, let’s talk about a beautiful teaching of Allah from the Qur'an, Al-Baqara, verse 229. Allah says: "Divorce is twice. Then, either keep [her] in an acceptable manner or release [her] with good treatment..."

Mansoor: Baba, what does it mean by “divorce is twice”?

Baba: It means that Allah gives couples two chances to reconcile after a divorce. If they can’t, they must part ways kindly and respectfully. Let me share a story to explain.

Once there was a man named Bilal and his wife, Sumayya. They were kind and loving, but sometimes they struggled to get along. One day, during a heated argument, Bilal said, “I divorce you!”

Mansoor: Oh no! What happened next?

Baba: Bilal quickly realized his mistake. He asked for forgiveness and promised to work on their marriage. Sumayya forgave him, and they stayed together. But a few months later, they had another argument, and Bilal said the same thing again.

Mansoor: Did they reconcile again?

Baba: They did. But this time, they knew they had one last chance because divorce is allowed twice, and the third time is final. They sought advice from wise elders and learned to communicate better.

Mansoor: What if they couldn't fix their problems?

Baba: Then they would part ways peacefully, as Allah commands. Allah also says they shouldn't take back the gifts they gave each other unless both agree that staying together would make them disobey Allah's limits.

Mansoor: Why is it important to part peacefully?

Baba: Because Allah wants us to treat others with kindness, even in difficult times. Hurting or taking advantage of someone is against His limits, and those who do so are wrongdoers.

Mansoor: Baba, are Allah's limits there to protect us?

Baba: Yes, beta. Allah is Al-Hakeem (the All-Wise). His limits guide us to live with fairness and compassion. If we follow them, we'll find peace in this world and the Hereafter.

Understanding Allah’s Limits

Baba: Mansoor, let me share another teaching of Allah from the Qur'an. In Al-Baqara, verse 230, Allah says:
"And if he has divorced her [for the third time], then she is not lawful to him afterward until [after] she marries a husband other than him..."

Mansoor: Baba, why can’t they get back together after three divorces?

Baba: That’s because marriage is a serious bond, beta. If a couple divorces three times, it shows they couldn’t live peacefully despite chances to reconcile. Allah wants us to think deeply before breaking such a sacred bond. Let me tell you a story to explain.

Once, there was a man named Yaseen and his wife, Leena. They loved each other but argued often. Over time, Yaseen pronounced divorce three times.

Mansoor: Did they try to fix their problems before the third time?

Baba: They did, but they couldn’t succeed. After the third divorce, they had to accept that they couldn’t live as husband and wife anymore. According to Allah’s guidance, they couldn’t remarry unless Leena married someone else and that marriage ended naturally.

Mansoor: Why does Allah have this rule, Baba?

Baba: It's to protect the sanctity of marriage and prevent people from treating it lightly. When Yaseen realized he couldn't be with Leena anymore, he understood the gravity of his decisions.

Mansoor: Did they ever get back together?

Baba: Leena eventually married someone else, and that marriage ended after some time. Only then did she and Yaseen have the chance to reconcile. But they both knew they needed to follow Allah's limits and make sincere efforts to keep a peaceful relationship if they chose to remarry.

Mansoor: So, Allah's rules are to make us careful and responsible?

Baba: Exactly, beta. Allah is Ar-Rahman (The Most Merciful). His limits guide us to act wisely and respect the bonds He has created.

Treat Others With Fairness

Baba: Mansoor, let me tell you about a beautiful lesson from the Qur'an, Al-Baqara, verse 231. Allah says:
"And when you divorce women and they have [nearly] fulfilled their term, either retain them according to acceptable terms or release them according to acceptable terms, and do not keep them, intending harm, to transgress [against them]."

Mansoor: Baba, what does it mean to keep or release them with kindness?

Baba: It means that even in situations of divorce, Allah commands us to act with fairness and respect. Let me tell you a story to help you understand.

There was a man named Ahmed and his wife, Zainab. After years of marriage, they realized they could no longer live peacefully together. Ahmed decided to divorce Zainab.

Mansoor: Did Ahmed treat her kindly, Baba?

Baba: At first, Ahmed was kind and respectful. But as the waiting period, called iddah, was about to end, he felt sad about letting Zainab go. Instead of being honest, he decided to delay things, thinking it would make her stay longer.

Mansoor: Was that wrong, Baba?

Baba: Yes, beta. Zainab reminded him of Allah's words: "Do not keep them, intending harm." She said, "If you wish to reconcile, let's do so with respect. But if not, release me kindly, as Allah commands." Ahmed realized his mistake and apologized. He chose to let her go peacefully, as Allah instructs.

Mansoor: Why does Allah emphasize kindness, even in divorce?

Baba: Because every relationship is a trust from Allah, and we will be held accountable for how we treat others. Hurting someone, even during difficult times, is wrong and harms the soul of the person doing it.

Mansoor: What else does the verse teach, Baba?

Baba: Allah reminds us not to take His verses lightly and to always follow His guidance with sincerity. It’s a lesson to act with taqwa (consciousness of Allah) in all situations.

Mansoor: I’ll remember that, Baba. We should always treat others with kindness and fairness.

Baba: That’s right, beta. Allah is Al-'Aleem (the All-Knowing) and sees everything we do. Acting with brings blessings in both this world and the Hereafter.

The Wisdom of Letting Go

Baba: Mansoor, there’s an important lesson in the Qur'an, in Al-Baqara, verse 232. Allah says:
"And when you divorce women and they have fulfilled their term, do not prevent them from remarrying their [former] husbands if they agree among themselves on an acceptable basis."

Mansoor: Baba, what does it mean to not prevent them from remarrying?

Baba: It means that after a divorce, if both the husband and wife wish to reconcile, they should be allowed to do so, as long as it’s with kindness and fairness. Let me tell you a story to explain.

There was once a couple, Farhan and Amina. They had been married for many years, but after some time, they grew distant and decided to divorce. After the waiting period, Amina was free to move on, but Farhan still had feelings for her.

Mansoor: Did Amina want to remarry him?

Baba: At first, Amina wasn’t sure, but after some time, she and Farhan spoke kindly and agreed that they could start fresh and build a better life together. However, some of their friends and family suggested that they shouldn’t get back together because divorce had already happened.

Mansoor: What did they do?

Baba: Farhan and Amina remembered Allah’s words in the Qur'an: "Do not prevent them from remarrying their [former] husbands if they agree among themselves." They knew that as long as both were sincere and believed in Allah’s guidance, it would be better for them. They chose to remarry with a fresh start, this time with more patience and understanding.

Mansoor: Why did Allah say it’s better for them to remarry?

Baba: Allah knows what’s best for us. In situations like this, where both are willing to make things work, it’s purer and better to reconcile rather than remain separated. Reconciliation with sincerity brings peace to both hearts. Allah also reminds us that His wisdom is beyond what we understand.

Mansoor: So, it’s important to be kind and respectful when deciding things like this?

Baba: Exactly, beta. Allah’s guidance teaches us to act with goodness, even in difficult times. By doing so, we purify our hearts and lives, and Allah rewards us with peace.

A Mother’s Love and Responsibility

Baba: Mansoor, there’s an important lesson in the Qur'an, in Al-Baqara, verse 233. Allah says:
"Mothers may breastfeed their children two complete years for whoever wishes to complete the nursing [period]. Upon the father is the mothers' provision and their clothing according to what is acceptable."

Mansoor: What does this mean, Baba?

Baba: It means that Allah has given mothers the responsibility of nursing their children for two years, but during this time, the father is responsible for providing food and clothing for the mother, as well as supporting her in her role. Let me tell you a story.

Once upon a time, there was a couple named Sara and Imran. They had a beautiful baby boy named Ayaan. Sara was breastfeeding Ayaan, and Imran worked hard to provide for his family.

Mansoor: Was it hard for Sara, Baba?

Baba: Yes, Mansoor. Breastfeeding a baby for two years can be challenging, especially when there are other tasks to do. But Imran, knowing that Allah had given him the responsibility to care for Sara, made sure she had everything she needed. He provided food, clothing, and made sure she was comfortable.

Mansoor: That was kind of Imran, Baba.

Baba: Yes, it was. Sara, though tired from caring for Ayaan, never complained. She knew that breastfeeding was her duty to her child, but she was grateful for Imran's support. After two years, Sara and Imran discussed with each other about weaning Ayaan. They agreed it was the right time, and because they consulted one another, there was no disagreement.

Mansoor: Did they always agree, Baba?

Baba: Not always. There were times when they had to work together and compromise. But they always treated each other with respect and kindness. And when Sara needed help, Imran was there for her.

Mansoor: That's beautiful, Baba. They both worked together to care for Ayaan.

Baba: Exactly, Mansoor. Allah's guidance shows us that parenthood is a shared responsibility. The mother and father should support one another, and always act with love and respect for each other and their children.

Mansoor: I will remember that, Baba. Taking care of each other is important.

Baba: Yes, beta. And Allah reminds us that we should always fear Him and know that He sees everything. The love and responsibility between parents should always be done with Allah’s guidance in mind.

The Patience of Zainab

Baba: Mansoor, there’s a verse in the Qur'an that speaks about patience and respect for others, especially during difficult times. It is found in Al-Baqara, verse 234, where Allah says:
"And those who are taken in death among you and leave wives behind - they, [the wives, shall] wait four months and ten [days]. And when they have fulfilled their term, then there is no blame upon you for what they do with themselves in an acceptable manner. And Allah is [fully] Acquainted with what you do."

Mansoor: What does this mean, Baba?

Baba: This verse talks about a time when a husband passes away, and his wife is left behind. Allah tells us that the wife must wait for four months and ten days before making any major decisions, like remarrying. During this time, she focuses on healing and reflecting. Let me tell you a story of Zainab, whose husband, Yusuf, passed away.

Mansoor: Oh no, what happened to Zainab, Baba?

Baba: Zainab was heartbroken when Yusuf passed away, but she knew she had to wait for the time Allah had prescribed. For four months and ten days, she stayed in her home, grieving and reflecting on her life with Yusuf. It was a very hard time for her.

Mansoor: That sounds very sad, Baba.

Baba: Yes, Mansoor, it was. But Zainab remained patient. She did not make any decisions during this period. She prayed to Allah, asking for patience and strength. Her family and friends supported her, ensuring she had everything she needed.

Mansoor: What happened after the four months and ten days, Baba?

Baba: After the time was up, Zainab felt at peace. She had given herself time to grieve and heal. She decided to move forward with her life in a way that was best for her and her future. Allah allowed her to do so in a manner that was respectful and good.

Mansoor: I think that’s beautiful, Baba. She gave herself time to heal, and Allah helped her.

Baba: Yes, Mansoor. Allah's wisdom is always perfect. He gives us guidance during the hardest moments of our lives. Zainab's story teaches us the value of patience, trust in Allah, and the importance of allowing time to heal our hearts.

Mansoor: I understand now, Baba. Allah's wisdom is always with us.

Baba: Exactly, beta. And Allah knows what is best for us. We must always trust in His plan and be patient through difficult times.

The Proposal of Patience

Baba: Mansoor, there's an important lesson in the Qur'an about respect, patience, and proper conduct when it comes to relationships and proposals. Allah says in Al-Baqara, verse 235:
"There is no blame upon you for that to which you [indirectly] allude concerning a proposal to women or for what you conceal within yourselves. Allah knows that you will have them in mind. But do not promise them secretly except for saying a proper saying. And do not determine to undertake a marriage contract until the decreed period reaches its end. And know that Allah knows what is within yourselves, so beware of Him. And know that Allah is Forgiving and Forbearing."

Mansoor: What does this mean, Baba?

Baba: This verse teaches us the importance of keeping our intentions pure and respectful when thinking about marriage. Let me tell you a story about a young man named Amir.

Mansoor: Who was Amir, Baba?

Baba: Amir was a kind and honest man who admired a woman named Layla. They were both good people, but they had not yet spoken about marriage. Amir respected her, and in his heart, he wanted to propose to her. However, he knew that he should not rush or promise anything before the right time.

Mansoor: What did Amir do, Baba?

Baba: Amir respected the waiting period that Allah had set for relationships. He kept his thoughts and intentions in his heart, waiting patiently. He never made any secret promises or hurried his feelings. Instead, he was respectful and kind, waiting for the right moment to speak to Layla in the proper way.

Mansoor: That sounds like a lot of patience, Baba.

Baba: Yes, it was. Amir understood that true respect comes from doing things in the right manner and at the right time. He spoke to Layla's family about his intentions in a respectful way, following the right path. He did not act impulsively or secretly.

Mansoor: Did Layla accept Amir's proposal, Baba?

Baba: Yes, Mansoor. Layla saw how patiently and respectfully Amir had waited. She respected his approach, and when the time was right, she accepted his proposal. They married, and they were happy together.

Mansoor: I understand now, Baba. It’s important to wait for the right time and do things the right way.

Baba: Exactly, Mansoor. We must always remember that Allah knows our hearts. Our intentions should always be pure, and we should never rush or act secretly. When we respect others and follow the guidance of Allah, things will unfold in the best way.

The Gift of Kindness

Baba: Mansoor, sometimes we face situations where relationships don't work out as we hoped. Allah has given us clear guidance on how to handle such moments with dignity and kindness. Do you remember the verse I shared with you earlier from Al-Baqara?

Mansoor: Yes, Baba. Allah says there's no blame if someone divorces a woman they haven't touched or promised any obligations. But they should still give her compensation based on what they can afford.

Baba: Exactly, Mansoor. Let me tell you about a man named Hassan, who faced this situation.

Mansoor: What happened to Hassan, Baba?

Baba: Hassan had married a woman named Amina, but over time, they realized that they were not a good match. However, there was no physical intimacy or promise made between them. Hassan, following the guidance of Allah, wanted to make sure that Amina was treated with respect.

Mansoor: So, what did Hassan do?

Baba: Hassan, being a good man, knew that it was important to still provide for Amina, even though their marriage hadn't worked out. He was a wealthy man, so he gave her a generous gift of money, enough for her to live comfortably and without worry. He did this not because it was an obligation, but because he wanted to show kindness.

Mansoor: What if someone didn't have a lot of money, Baba?

Baba: Great question, Mansoor. If someone does not have the means to give a large gift, they should give according to what they can afford, just as Allah instructed. In Hassan's case, if he were poor, he would have given a smaller but still fair gift, ensuring it was acceptable. The important thing is to be kind and just, no matter how much or how little one has.

Mansoor: That’s a good way to handle things. What happened to Amina after the divorce, Baba?

Baba: Amina was grateful for Hassan’s kindness. She was able to start a new chapter in her life without hardship. Hassan, too, was at peace knowing he had done what was right in the eyes of Allah. They both moved on with respect and gratitude.

Mansoor: I understand now, Baba. Even if things don’t work out, it’s important to treat others with fairness and kindness.

Baba: That’s right, Mansoor. Allah has shown us how to act with goodness in every situation, no matter how difficult. Treating others with respect and fulfilling our duties is the way of the believers.